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## Bill Amending A.A.A. Goes to President

Fruits and vegetables for canning, except olives and asparagus, are exempt from orders which the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to issue under the bill amending the Agricultural Adjustment Act. With the adoption of the conference report by the Senate on August 15th, Congress completed action on the bill, the House having adopted the conference report on August 13th.

In the bill as passed by the House all fruits and vegetables were excluded from the list of commodities upon which the Secretary of Agriculture could impose control. The Senate amended the bill so as to put olives and asparagus under control. The conference committee accepted the Senate amendment.

The paragraph of the bill defining the commodities to which orders are applicable reads as follows:

"(2) Orders issued pursuant to this section shall be applicable only to the following agricultural commodities and the products thereof (except products of naval stores), or to any regional, or market classification of any such commodity or product: Milk, fruits (including pecans and walnuts but not including apples and not including fruits, other than olives, for canning), tobacco, vegetables (not including beans and not including vegetables, other than asparagus, for canning), soybeans, and naval stores as included in the Naval Stores Act and standards established thereunder (including refined or partially refined oleoresin)."

## Hearings on Food and Drugs Bill Ended

Hearings on the Copeland bill (S.5) before the subcommittee of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee were completed on August 12th. In view of the rapid Senate action on the tax bill, which is now in conference, and the strong sentiment that has developed in Congress for adjournment at an early date, it now appears unlikely that revision of the Food and Drugs Act will be completed at this session.

### **Social Security Bill Signed**

The Social Security bill has been approved by the President, and it is indicated that members of the Social Security Board, which will be the administrative agency, will be named in the near future.

The general provisions of the new law were outlined in the Information Letter for April 13th. It provides for old-age assistance, old-age pensions, unemployment insurance, and appropriations for various forms of welfare work. An analysis of the provisions of the bill as they will affect canners is being prepared by the Association's Counsel and will be sent to all members.

### **Senate Passes Walsh Bill**

The Senate on August 12th passed, with amendments, the Walsh bill (S. 3055) designed to make effective the President's program to require government contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers of materials to conform to minimum wage and maximum hour schedules and to employ no child or convict labor.

The bill would also require that borrowers of federal money (including states and territories) agree to secure from persons with whom they contract similar agreements concerning wages, hours, and child and convict labor. These requirements would not apply, however, to "loans to financial institutions where the funds are commingled with the funds of the borrower and used for general business purposes."

The wages and hours set up as a "yardstick" are those in the N. R. A. codes, but the bill authorizes the President, or such agency as he may designate, to determine minimum wages and maximum hours, taking into account (1) cost of living, (2) standards for the same class of labor in the same trade or industry in the same locality, (3) standards in effect during the year 1934, and (4) the code wages and hours in effect on May 26, 1935.

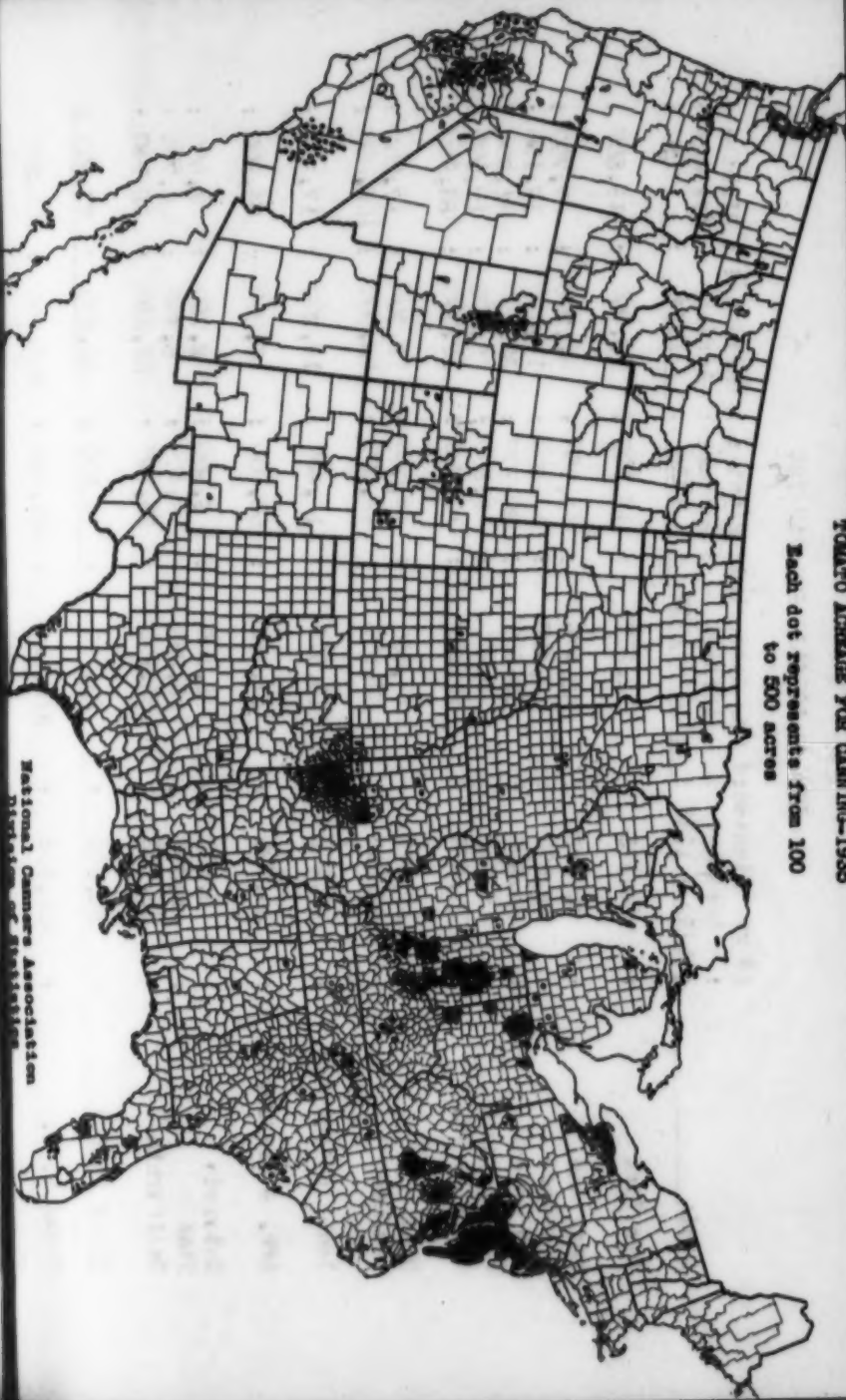
The bill would take effect thirty days after its approval and remain in force for two years. Penalties for violation of the Act would include fines and cancellation of contracts. Provision is made that pay roll and pertinent records must be furnished when demanded.

### **Crop Conditions**

The following information regarding the condition of the tomato crop in various sections has been summarized from telegraphic and mail reports from canners.

MARYLAND—Tomato vines are reported to be in somewhat better condition than average. Excessive rains have destroyed some acreage,

TOWNSHIP AVERAGE FOR GAMING-1935  
Each dot represents from 100  
to 500 acres



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# TOMATO ACREAGE FOR CANNING

State	: 4 yr. Planted : : Acreage : : 1930 - 1933 :	4 yr. Harvested : : Acreage : : 1930 - 1933 :	Planted : : Acreage : : 1934 :	Harvested : : Acreage : : 1934 :	Planted : : Acreage : : 1935 :
New York	: 12,375 :	: 12,307 :	: 15,900 :	: 15,900 :	: 18,500 :
Maryland	: 42,675 :	: 42,275 :	: 61,900 :	: 61,200 :	: 67,700 :
Delaware	: 12,500 :	: 12,425 :	: 17,100 :	: 17,000 :	: 19,100 :
New Jersey	: 32,500 :	: 32,500 :	: 30,700 :	: 30,700 :	: 31,800 :
Pennsylvania	: 5,740 :	: 5,670 :	: 8,500 :	: 8,300 :	: 10,900 :
Va. & W. Va.	: 16,475 :	: 16,250 :	: 19,900 :	: 18,900 :	: 23,900 :
Ohio	: 10,475 :	: 10,450 :	: 13,000 :	: 12,300 :	: 17,000 :
Indiana	: 66,250 :	: 64,500 :	: 88,000 :	: 83,000 :	: 105,600 :
Tenn. & Kentucky	: 16,282 :	: 15,575 :	: 16,600 :	: 14,200 :	: 17,980 :
Ark. & Missouri	: 39,725 :	: 37,927 :	: 50,000 :	: 5,000 :	: 54,900 :
Colorado	: 2,800 :	: 2,105 :	: 3,200 :	: 2,750 :	: 3,600 :
Utah	: 5,360 :	: 5,255 :	: 6,400 :	: 5,300 :	: 6,700 :
California	: 35,192 :	: 35,192 :	: 55,330 :	: 55,330 :	: 62,940 :
Other States	: 24,245 :	: 23,730 :	: 44,690 :	: 33,380 :	: 47,590 :
TOTAL U. S.	: 321,594 :	: 316,161 :	: 431,220 :	: 363,260 :	: 488,210 :

Percentage abandoned: 1.7

but if weather conditions are favorable during the next six weeks average yields should be obtained in this territory. Crop is somewhat later than usual.

**VIRGINIA**—The tomato crop in the Tidewater section of Virginia was reported to be damaged to the extent of 10 or 15 per cent by excessive rain and hot weather during the last three weeks. There are also some reports of wilt damage. Owing to the large acreage, however, prospects indicate a large pack from the early crop. If weather conditions during the next sixty days are favorable, the late crop will probably yield a fairly large production. In the central and western part of the state the crop is very spotted. Some sections report a very light setting of fruit due to too much rain. Some black stem rot is reported. For the section as a whole, however, present prospects point to a yield that may be somewhat larger than that of the last few years.

**NEW YORK**—Tomato vines in New York are reported to be healthy in appearance but some sections report a light setting of fruit.

**INDIANA**—Excessive rains in southern Indiana during May and June retarded the setting of plants. During July, rains have been very spotted, some fields suffering from lack of moisture while others have had too much rain. Hot weather during the first of August has damaged tomatoes to some extent. Owing to the lateness of part of the crop, there is danger from frost damage unless killing frosts are delayed until well up in October. While present prospects point to yields below normal, the production will probably be larger than that of last year due to large increase in acreage. In the northern part of the state present prospects are not so favorable as a few weeks ago. It is difficult to estimate conditions, however, because of the very spotted condition of the crop.

**OZARKS**—Reports from the Ozark territory indicate considerable damage due to lack of rain and intense heat. Unless rains come soon, the pack will probably be cut about 40 or 50 per cent.

**COLORADO**—Condition of tomatoes in northern Colorado and western slope is exceptionally fine, probably 95 per cent of normal. Weather has been favorable and present prospects point to an average yield.

**UTAH**—Reports from Utah indicate that western yellow blight has killed or damaged tomatoes in that state to the extent of about 50 per cent of the crop. If the blight is not checked, prospects are that damage will be even more serious than indicated at present.

Enclosed with the Information Letter this week is a copy of a map showing the location of tomato acreage for canning. On the back of this map are statistics of acreage both planted and harvested average

for the four-year period, 1930-1933, and for 1934. The 1935 planted acreage is also shown. The per cent of abandonment, that is the difference between planted and harvested acreage, has on the average been relatively small. For 1934, however, the abandonment was unusually large because of dry weather in the Midwest, principally in the Ozark territory.

Corn pack has begun in some sections. In Minnesota packing of the early crop is getting under way. This early pack is confined principally to Whole Kernel Golden. Corn is reported to be running uneven, with a relatively low percentage cut off, which is reducing the number of cases per ton from 30 to 50 per cent. Prospects for late corn, however, appear to be somewhat better.

#### Weather Conditions

District	Week ended Aug. 6, 1935		Week ended Aug. 13, 1935		Week ended Aug. 14, 1934	
	Temp.	Rain	Temp.	Rain	Temp.	Rain
Maine .....	71	1.1	66	.1	66	.0
Western New York.....	71	.7	71	1.6	72	.2
Tri-States .....	83	.2	75	.2	77	1.2
South Central Ohio.....	82	1.3	77	4.0	79	1.2
Central Indiana.....	84	.0	81	.1	81	.6
Central Illinois.....	83	.6	78	.1	82	.4
Northern Illinois, Southern Wisconsin..	78	3.7	75	.0	75	.2
Southern Minnesota.....	79	1.2	77	.2	74	.8
Northern Colorado.....	76	.1	77	.0	77	.2
Northern Utah.....	76	.0	79	.0	79	.0
Northwestern Washington.....	62	.0	67	.0	65	.0
Southeastern Washington.....	69	.0	75	.0	73	.0

#### Getting Scientific Facts on Canned Foods to Physicians

With this issue of the INFORMATION LETTER is mailed a summary of the results of competent, disinterested research on canned foods, prepared at the request of relief directors of nutrition for use with the physicians cooperating with them in special diets. The publication is being distributed by the Home Economics Division. Nine thousand copies have already been requested by one relief organization which had an opportunity to read the material prior to its publication. Copies are being sent to all nutrition directors of relief. Cannery desiring copies may obtain them upon request.

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